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**CHINA LAKE MAN FACES 60 YEARS IMPRISONMENT AFTER ARREST FOR
PRODUCTION, RECEIPT AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

FRESNO – United States Attorney McGregor Scott announced today that special agents of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) arrested 32 year-old JOSEPH DELK of Florida, yesterday, an active duty enlisted member of the Navy stationed at the China Lake Naval Base, on production, receipt and possession of child pornography. A three-count indictment was returned against DELK on May 25, 2006 by a federal grand jury in Fresno.

This case was investigated by the NCIS.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Kimberly Kelly, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that DELK produced a video of a minor engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and received and was in possession of images containing minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

If convicted of the charges as alleged in the indictment, DELK faces up to 60 years imprisonment and a mandatory minimum of 15 years imprisonment.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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